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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OEXC, OVIP, PFOR, BU, SCUL

SUBJECT: ZHIVKOVA VISIT

REF: SOFIA 944, 983, 898

1. YOU MAY INFORM MFA THAT, ALTHOUGH ALL THE DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT, THE USG IS PREPARED TO INVITE MME. ZHIVKOVA TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOLLOWING HER EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN OPENING OF THRACIAN GOLD EXHIBITION AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM ON JUNE 8. AN INVITATION FROM AN APPROPRIATE US OFFICIAL WILL SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM MFA THAT YOU WILL SOON PASS ON INFORMATION ON WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE A FRUITFUL AND INTERESTING SCHEDULE WHICH IS NOW BEING ARRANGED FOR HER IN WASHINGTON (DETAILS WILL FOLLOW ASAP).

2. WE AGREE THAT ZHIVKOVA VISIT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND ADVANTAGEOUS EVENT FOR SIGNATURE OF CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC
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EXCHANGES AGREEMENT IF PROGRAM DOCUMENT CAN BE WRAPPED UP.
YOU MAY INFORM MFA. FYI: WE ARE CONTEMPLATING US SIGNATURE AT STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL IN PRESENCE OF CABINET LEVEL OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL.

3. INCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM BULGARIAN EMBASSY

THAT ALTHOUGH THRACIAN GOLD EXHIBITION AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON JUNE 11, THE OPENING OF EXHIBIT TO MUSEUM SUBSCRIBERS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 8 WITH A PRESS PREVIEW THAT MORNING. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO BULGARIAN EMBASSY, IF MADAME ZHIVKOVA IS TO COME FOR OPENING OF THE EXHIBIT, SHE SHOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE FESTIVITIES ON JUNE 8 RATHER THAN JUNE 11.

4. DO NOT RPT NOT USE OCCASION OF MAY 10 CALL TO RAISE MAREV CASE. CABLE ON MAREVS WILL BE COMING NEXT WEEK.

5. AMBASSADOR POPOV HAS INFORMED ARMITAGE THAT EXPENSES OF ZHIVKOVA VISIT WILL FALL ON BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT (STATE 79935, PARA 4). IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE FOR YOU TO CONFIRM THIS FACT IN YOUR MAY 10 MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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